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Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Hugh,

We were pleased to receive your letter of April 19, 1983, relating to your desire to increase the automation capability of INR. From the analyst viewpoint, an automated information retrieval, processing and composition system is essential to command the vast amounts of data required to produce a competent and responsive intelligence report.

I have discussed the possibility of supporting your staff with [redacted] [redacted], Chairman of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee, and he and his staff will be happy to start working with you. [redacted] has been involved in the SAFE project since the SAFE Project Office was established. He and his staff also have knowledge of other Community information systems and can offer suggestions to you and arrange for briefings and the securing of information concerning existing automated information systems throughout the Community.

As you know, the manpower resources of the Intelligence Community Staff are limited and, although we cannot provide full-time personnel assigned to this project, we can offer consultation or suggestions to a Department of State working group which could be assigned to this project. We could also lay-out the possible tasks for such a study and provide guidance to a working group or an external contractor.

I have asked [redacted] to call you to arrange for a preliminary meeting and to discuss our participation.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Rear Admiral, USN

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